# Algebra 1 3-6 Analyzing Lines of Fit

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**Goal:** To write linear equations that model real world data.

**Activity:** Is there a relationship between the length one's index finger to the length of one's foot?

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<u>Step 3:</u> Using the ruler, draw a line that goes through the data. This line has a few names: *regression line* or *trend line*. The line that is best is called the *line of best fit*.

<u>Step 4:</u> Pick two points and write an equation in slope-intercept form of the line you drew.

<u>Step 5:</u> Based on the scatter plot above, which of these correlations best describes your graph.





a. Enter data into calculator: STAT $\rightarrow$ Edit...

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Enter the finger length data into L1 and foot length in L2.

b. View scatterplot: Press STAT PLOT (above Y=). Turn Plot1 On, choose scatter plot, choose L1 as Xlist and L2 as Ylist. Then select GRAPH. If scatterplot does not show up, then select ZOOM $\rightarrow$  9.



c. Graph the *trend line*: Select STAT  $\rightarrow$  CALC  $\rightarrow$  4: LinReg(ax+b). Choose L1, L2 and Y1 in menu



e. If your teacher's index finger is 7.5cm long, predict the foot size. \_\_\_\_\_\_. Enter Y1(7.5)

#### Correlation

The line of best fit will have a special number associated with it. This number is called the **correlation coefficient**, *r*. The closer *r* is to -1 or 1, the stronger correlation the data has.

Get the correlation coefficient (r) from your calculator or computer



**Example:** Write the equation of the trend line of the data below. Based on the correlation coefficient, describe the correlation.

a. Example						
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1	2.1					
3	3.1					
5	4					
7	5.2					
9	59					

b. Practice

X	У
-2	3.9
-1	1.8
0	0.1
1	-1.9
2	-3.8

Try It! What does each correlation coefficient reveal about the data it describes?

a. 
$$r = 0.1$$
 b.  $r = -0.6$ 

#### III. How does the line of best fit compare to the actual data?

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Days After Start of Sale

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Toys Sold

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Hafiz collected data on the number of toys sold at his uncle's shop during the Great Toy Sale of 2019.

- a. Approximate how many toys were sold on day 4? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How many did the line of fit predict for day 4? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How far off was the prediction?

The difference between the actual value and the predicted is called the \_\_\_\_\_

r\_\_\_\_\_ = actual - predicted

Try It! What is the residual for day 7? \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Interpolation and Extrapolation

Linear models are good for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (predicting missing data *within* domain) but not for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (predicting data *beyond* the domain).

Using the model in part D of the activity, choose two finger lengths and predict the foot length:

Interpolation value \_\_\_\_\_\_ yields \_\_\_\_\_

Extrapolation value \_\_\_\_\_\_ yields \_\_\_\_\_\_

### V. Causation & Correlation

a. The numbers of books in a home vs GPA of students

b. The number of hours of sleep and grade on a test the next day